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## Future of Spartan football questioned

By Colin Kutch  
Daily Staff Writer

In the face of the new Division I-A college football attendance policy, the San Jose State University athletic department said it plans to keep its top-level status.

"We have to continually convey the message that we have and will meet the requirements," said Lawrence Fan, sports information director at SJSU.

The department's main concern is that all Division I-A teams in 2004 must average at least 15,000 attendees at home football games. SJSU met the requirement for 2004 last year and can do it again, Fan said.

Not everyone on campus agrees that SJSU should push to keep I-A status. James Brent, an associate professor of political science at SJSU, said attendance was inflated last season because one game sold out — the Literary Classic versus Grambling State, featuring its nationally recognized marching band.

Fan said the athletics department would again plan promotional events to coincide with football games. The department expects to reveal those plans in the next few months.

Brent is the organizer of what he called a loose-knit team of faculty named "Spartans 4 Sanity." The group's mission is to cut spending on athletics by removing SJSU from Division I-A status.

Brent said there is not enough student or faculty support of the football team to justify additional football spending, taking into account that attendance for most games hovers around 10,000. He said other California State University schools without football, such as Cal State Long Beach, spend millions less on athletics than SJSU and still have as many sports offered.

Brent provided a new report with data collected from last year's official budget reports of 14 CSU schools as well as reports from administrators at individual campuses. The CSU system has 23 schools.

According to his research, SJSU could save \$4 million a year by dropping its I-A program and lowering the athletics

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## Girl Summit activates social changes

By Claudia Plascencia  
Daily Staff Writer

Hundreds of girls from Bay Area middle schools and high schools converged at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center on Thursday to be a part of an organization that aims to change the way girls look at social issues and their communities.

The organization Girls For A Change held its second annual summit at the convention center gathering with 1,500 girls from 30 different schools and 500 professional women, according to the organization.

"It was a great example of what happens when a lot of young women and older women get together with the intention of making social change," said Whitney Smith, founder and president of the board of directors of Girls For A Change.

Smith said her goal for the organization is to bring large groups of girls together to learn how to be social change-makers. So far, the organization has educated 2,400 girls, she said.

"We give them a space, resources and support to make changes happen," said Niko Clifford, founding executive director for the organization.

Clifford also said they look to the girls for the answers instead of giving them the answers and fixing their problems for them.

"We step back and support them," Clifford said.

The girls formed teams where they figured out what they are passionate about and what they would like to change about society. Each team was supported by two coaches who helped the students come up with strategies for making a difference, according to the organization.

Stephanie Ramirez is a junior at Independence High School in San Jose and has been a part of the organization for a year-and-a-half.

She said her team completed a project in October 2003 that dealt with self-esteem. She said she is now a member of the board of directors.

"I was hesitant about it because I have a hard time working with girls since I am an only child,"

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Photos by Stacey Ruesch / Daily Staff

**ABOVE:** Claire Kiely, center, hugs Naiema Din at the Girl Summit 2004, organized by Girls For A Change and held at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center Thursday. Kiely, Din and Lupita Calderon, right, are members of the Fab 15, which is a team of Girls For A Change members who have worked together on a community-service project for the past year.

**RIGHT:** Attendees at the Girl Summit 2004 cut out their handprints and wrote their names on them to make a mural of the Girl Summit 2004. During the summit, urban middle- and high-school girls were treated to a speech by activist Rebecca Walker and were able to attend workshops teaching everything from belly dancing to self-defense.



## Lyndon LaRouche campaign visits SJSU campus

By Michelle Ochoa  
Daily Staff Writer

Supporters of long-time presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche distributed information about the LaRouche campaign on campus Monday.

LaRouche has been in the public eye since the 1970s, according to an article in Newsday from last September.

According to the article, LaRouche became

a public figure as a conspiracy theorist in 1974, and in 1976 he began his presidential campaigns.

The Newsday article also stated that in 1988 LaRouche was convicted of conspiracy and mail fraud. He was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison in Minnesota and ran his 1992 campaign while serving time.

He was released in 1994, according to his campaign's Web site.

The 2004 campaign is LaRouche's eighth attempt for the White House, according to the

Newsday article.

LaRouche is currently running as a Democratic candidate, according to his campaign; however, the Democratic National Committee does not endorse LaRouche as a presidential candidate.

For this election, LaRouche's platform focuses on fixed exchange rates and protective tariffs and promotes a world of "sovereign nation-states working together for the benefit of all" to halt an economic collapse, said one LaRouche supporter, who was on campus

Monday and wished to only give his first name, Scott.

Scott said he supports LaRouche because he believes "none of the other candidates have any grasp on reality whatsoever."

Much of the press LaRouche receives doesn't center on his political platforms but on the way his supporters are organized.

Reports from newspapers in the United States, Australia and London have acknowl-

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## Dizzy landing ...



Andrew Hendershot / Daily Staff

**Sierra Silva tumbles during warm-up for a judo class at San Jose State University on Monday afternoon in the dojo at Yoshihiro Uchida Hall. Silva, 10, is a yellow belt in David Williams' judo class.**

## Dogs on campus not a problem, UPD says

*Tower Lawn  
popular playground  
for downtown pets  
to hang out*

By Nami Yasue  
Daily Staff Writer

Carlos Claudio, a junior marine biology major, threw a ball for his 9-month-old dog, Thor, to catch on Tower Lawn on Tuesday.

Claudio, who lives two blocks away from the San Jose State University main campus, said he brings Thor to campus almost every day because it is the biggest play area within walking distance.

Claudio said he recognizes and observes the leash law when he plays with Thor on campus.

"If I don't follow the leash law, police can give me a ticket," Claudio said.

According to a San Jose municipal code dog ordinance, a dog must be leashed and kept under control

by the dog owner, and dog owners must be responsible for cleaning up and removing the excrement of their dogs.

License and rabies vaccinations are mandated by state and city law for all dogs and cats older than four months of age, according to San Jose Animal Care and Services.

Currently, there are only two off-leash dog parks in San Jose — Miyuki Dog Park in South San Jose and Watson Dog Park in East San Jose, according to the city's Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services.

David Santino, a junior business major, said he considers himself a well-mannered dog owner and usually brings his dog to parks near his home in Milpitas.

Santino said many dog owners probably do not know that licensing dogs is mandated under city and state law, although most of them recognize and follow the leash law.

According to San Jose Animal Care and Services, 19,000 dogs are licensed. They estimate about 55 percent of dogs in San Jose are unlicensed.

Capt. Shannon Maloney of the University Police Department said San Jose's municipal ordinance does

not necessarily apply to the campus because city and state property are two separate political entities, and SJSU is state-owned.

The rules and regulations regarding animals on campus are stated in an SJSU policy guide called "The President's Directive Regarding Use of Buildings and Grounds of San Jose State University."

According to the policy, dogs and other domesticated animals on campus must be under control and leashed within six feet from the owner on campus. Any dog or other animal brought to campus must be licensed and vaccinated.

The animal's owner must immediately remove any wastes deposited by the animal, according to the policy.

A violator will be fined more than \$100 and less than \$1,000 for a first conviction, according to California Penal Code Section 374.4.

Dogs, cats and other animals may not enter any campus buildings, but there are exceptions for guide dogs or service dogs. In special circumstances, animals may be brought on campus for a singular event involving the display or demonstration of specialized

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RELOADING

# Intelligent adults can handle issues of morality

I am a Christian, and I am a liberal.  
I think the tenet of the separation of church and state is vital to our society.  
I love California's religiously diverse culture.  
And I am not threatened when I see people with other beliefs, or belonging to no organized belief system, exercising their American rights and freedoms.  
Yet, with the way the religious right and fundamentalists have tried to position themselves as "the" voice of Christianity for more than 20 years now, there may be some who think the term "Christian liberal" is an oxymoron. For that, I resent Pat Robertson, Pat Buchanan, Jerry Falwell and so many others of their ilk.  
It bothers me when anyone presumes to speak for Christians everywhere. Christianity, as a worldwide religion, is just too darn big to be limited to one way of political thinking, one way of economic thinking or even one way of moral thinking.  
I know a 60ish, divorced Christian lady who had her pastor bless her current relationship with a man — but she didn't want a wedding, because a marriage recognized by the government would have a negative impact on their financial situations.  
I know some Christians who are strongly opposed to same-sex marriages and others who are strongly in favor of it. In fact, a good friend of mine is both gay and Christian — and he was already a staunch Republican when I met

him in high school.  
Meanwhile, I wouldn't be surprised if some Christians would criticize me for owning "Pulp Fiction" or making "The Shield" appointment television.  
To me, the human condition is just too varied for any one-size-fits-all answer.  
That is why I am bothered by extremists who see their teaching as the only way of hope or salvation. Such narrow-mindedness disturbs me, no matter what faith they advocate.  
I would rather spend time with a spiritually minded person of another religion than with a closed-minded Christian.  
I understand part of that zealot impulse though, thanks to my brother, a fundamentalist.  
Growing up, Rick preferred it when matters were black and white.  
He liked rules. In any situation, they were a guide to behavior, an answer to questions and a way to measure compliance. Without rules, life was ambiguous.  
When we played board games, Rick was a stickler for following the directions. One of his favorite toys was an Erector Set; he could be creative with what he built, but still the girders, base plates, pulleys and other pieces each

had a specific function.  
Although our parents took us to church every Sunday, Rick's religious life didn't catch fire until his junior year of high school. He told me it happened in a "Situation Ethics" class, when the teacher was asserting that any issue of morality was relative. Something clicked inside him, and he gave a strong speech about his beliefs.  
Watching Rick over the next few years, I never had reason to doubt the sincerity of his faith. He got more and more serious with his Bible studies and his Christian life.  
One time, he told me that he fasted on occasion. It was something he did privately to draw closer to God and to develop self-discipline.  
It was his fasting, which later gave me insight on how fundamentalists operate.  
I saw that Rick established certain practices and standards of behavior for himself, based on his reading of the Bible. It was a set of rules to follow.  
I had no objection when he applied those rules to his own life, and I envied his dedication.  
But then I realized it can be a very short step from setting a bar for yourself to applying those same standards to others — and that change often comes with a sanctimo-



RON PANGRAC

nious or superior attitude.  
That to me is a big problem with so many fundamentalists — they want to tell others how to conduct their lives. And it's not enough just to preach at folks; they see a need — nay, a calling from on high — to legislate morality.  
Rather than granting intelligent adults the right to "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" or the freedom to work out moral answers on their own, the Talibans and John Ashcrofts of the world want to force their standards of behavior on everyone else.  
I wish Ashcroft and others would realize that in the New Testament book of Galatians (chapter 5, verse 23), Saint Paul says one of the fruits in a Christian's life is self-control — not control dictated and imposed by religious leaders or the government.  
As I see it, God gave each of us a brain and a conscience. We have the ability, we have the right and we have the obligation to use them to make choices in our lives.  
Sure, things might be simpler if my religion had a clear set of rules for me to follow or if I could believe that one set of behaviors was right for everyone.  
But it doesn't and I can't. I see life as too complex for platitudes and pat answers. And that's just part of how I was made — by my Creator.

*Ron Pangrac is the Spartan Daily copy editor. "Reloading" appears every Friday.*

STUPID PILLS | AIDAN CASSERLY



## SPARTA GUIDE

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### TODAY

School of Art and Design  
Student galleries will be on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call 924-4330.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry  
Daily Mass takes place from 12:10 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel located at the corner of Tenth and San Carlos streets. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

Feminist Majority  
"Dance for Change" will take place at Waves Saloon, located at 65 Post St., between First and Market streets. Doors will be open at 9 p.m. For more information, call Kathleen Ward at 297-9255, extension 26.

### SUNDAY

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry  
Sunday mass will be held at noon and 5 p.m. at the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry chapel located on the corner of Tenth and San Salvador streets. For more information, call Sister Marcia Krause at 938-1610.

### MONDAY

Women's Resource Center  
A women's resource fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union. For more information, call Anne at 924-6500.

The Entrepreneurial Society  
"SJSU's Silicon Valley Business Plan Competition" will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Umunhum room in the Student Union. For more information, call Juliana Renovato at 309-0730.

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Pride of the Pacific Islands  
Polynesian dance practice will take place from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in SPX 75. For more information, call 924-2221.

### THE THROWBACK

# The World Series should be won, not bought

Baseball has been America's national pastime for as long as I can remember. Even though the NFL draws more viewers and the Super Bowl is the pre-eminent sporting event, many of us still have that special connection with baseball.  
However, for me personally, that connection is getting severed more and more with every passing offseason.  
Every single year, without fail, the big-market teams siphon talent away from small-market teams. Every year, baseball assures us that the playing field will be leveled, and small-market teams like Minnesota and Montreal won't have to worry about being wiped off the face of the earth.  
When baseball threatened to strike again a couple of seasons ago, the great revelation was revenue sharing — to supposedly help small-market teams like the A's, Devil Rays and Twins remain competitive.  
At that time, the Yankees' payroll was about \$150 million.  
Today, with A-Rod in the fold, the Yankee payroll is up to an astronomical \$184 million.

OK, so that didn't work.  
I'm going to try to refrain from being a straight-up Yankee-hater here, but if you feel like I feel, pick up your glasses and sip some "haterade" with me one time.  
According to ESPN, the left side of the Yankee infield, A-Rod and shortstop Derek Jeter, was paid twice as much money last season as the entire roster of the Devil Rays.  
Tampa's payroll last season was \$18.7 million. Jeter made \$15.6 million, and A-Rod pulled in an even \$22 million.  
So, basically, the 2004 Yankees will have a payroll roughly nine or 10 times bigger than the Devil Rays.

How is this sport?  
Could the playing field be tilted any more in favor of certain teams?  
One might argue that any of baseball's 30 teams could spend outrageously and compete with the big boys. Realistically speaking though, we all know that's not true.  
Could Mr. Pibb compete with Pepsi? Could the Jazzland coffee company compete with Starbucks? Baseball is getting to that point — where it's more business than sport.  
This offseason, more than any other, was a case in point of the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer.  
The A's lost former-MVP Miguel Tejada to Baltimore, while the Red Sox acquired Curt Schilling from Arizona.  
The Expos finally lost their franchise player, outfielder Vladimir Guerrero, to the Angels. On top of that, they lost pitching ace Javier Vazquez to the Yankees.  
Is there really any reason the Expos should continue to exist? They have nothing — no franchise player, no fan base. They don't even have a true home.  
Part of me feels that business is business and the only strong survive. However, another part of me says that sport is sport and if the playing field isn't level, what's the point?  
The NFL and NBA at least have salary caps in place to help keep all their teams viable. Tell me any team in



IAN ROSS

“Teams are falling apart before our eyes, many fans are becoming disenchanted, but does baseball even realize it has a problem?”

one that sent A-Rod to New York, but this time he would make an exception.  
\$150 million wasn't enough to win a World Series last year. What will happen in 2005 if \$184 million also proves to be insufficient?  
The madness has to end sometime.

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# Calendar

## Music

**Britney Spears and Kelis** coming to the Oakland Arena March 9 at 8 p.m. Advance tickets range from \$40.50 to \$76. Tickets at tickets.com.

**The Caravan** in downtown San Jose will present a variety of live bands this weekend. Shows start at 10 p.m. No cover charge. For more information, call (408) 995-6220.

**NOFX** will perform after Pennywise in the Avalon Ballroom in San Francisco on March 12 at 8 p.m. Advance tickets are \$40. Available at tickets.com.

**Bay Area disc jockeys** will gather for the first time to compete in a scratch-and-turntable battle and exhibition at B-side Records at 2128 Dwight Way, Berkeley, on Feb. 27 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (510) 548-4882.

**Mose Allison**, a sharp-tongued singer/songwriter, will perform at Kuumbwa Jazz Center in Santa Cruz on March 1 at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door. For more information, call (831)427-2227.

**Blink-182 and No Doubt** will perform at the Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View on June 19 at 7 p.m. Tickets are now on sale and available through Ticketmaster, starting at \$48.75.

**Sputter Undercover** is having a CD release party Feb. 29 at the Gaslighter in Campbell. Show starts at 6 p.m. Cover charge is \$8. Three other bands will perform. For more information, call (408) 866-1408.

## Misc.

**San Jose Poetry Slam** at Waves Smokehouse and Saloon every Tuesday gives poets a chance to share their work with an audience. Students pay \$5. 18-years-old and over are invited. For more information, visit [www.sanjos slam.com](http://www.sanjos slam.com).

**The 22nd San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival** starts March 3 in San Francisco and March 19 in San Jose. Tickets can be purchased in person from Camera 3 Cinemas in San Jose or call tickets.com at (415) 478-2277. Prices are \$8 for students. For more information, visit [www.naatanet.org/festival](http://www.naatanet.org/festival).

## Performing arts

**The Mousetrap** by Agatha Christie will be performed by the Northside Theatre Company through March 7. Tickets are \$10 for students. Call (408) 288-7820.

**The Flint Center for the Performing Arts** is featuring fresh new works by the DeAnza Dancers in the show Momentum on Feb. 27 at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$10 to \$13.50. Call (408) 998-8497.

**The Goodbye Girl**, written by Neil Simon, will be performed March 18 through April 17 at the Bus Barn Theatre in Los Altos. Tickets range from \$18 to \$25. For more information, call (650)941-0551.

# New taqueria added downtown



Daniel Miranda / Daily Staff

Oscar Urquieta, owner of El Sabroso Taqueria, pours sauce on taquitos for a customer. El Sabroso, located on Fourth Street between Santa Clara and San Fernando streets, has been open for eight weeks.

By Robert S. Hong  
Daily Senior Staff Writer

Students who are tired of coming late to class because of long lines at local taquerias might want to consider the newly opened El Sabroso Mexican Grill on Fourth Street, across the street from the city's Fourth Street Garage.

For the next two weeks, owner Oscar Urquieta is offering students with San Jose State University student identification a free drink with their purchase.

"I want people to come in and enjoy the place," Urquieta said. "I know people will want to come back because we serve quality food."

With 20 years of experience in working with Mexican food, Urquieta has faith that his customers will be satisfied.

With a large variety of items and combination plates to choose from, El Sabroso offers students the choice of a quick snack or a full multi-course meal. The menu boasts a plethora of grilled meats, burritos, tacos, quesadillas, enchiladas, tortas, soups, tamales, fajitas and many other favorites which can be eaten alone or put together as a combination.

Each order also comes with corn chips and El Sabroso's definitive salsa.

"The food is really good and you get what you pay for," said Deborah Pineda, a junior nursing major at SJSU.

She said El Sabroso offers a greater amount of food for the price than other places in the area.

"They should have more restaurants like this around campus," she said.

Art Duarte, who introduced Pineda to the restaurant, said the ambience of the taqueria and its closeness to campus drew him in.

"The bright color of the building caught my attention," he said.

They both said they would definitely return, because of the caliber of the meals and service.

Located on Fourth Street, between San Fernando and Santa Clara, the bright orange-and-yellow building is hard to miss, and the interior is just as flamboyant.

Surrounded by palm trees, sombreros and pictures, El Sabroso delivers a distinctive ambience that Urquieta said was two years in the making. Students who have a craving for Mexican food

and are crunched for time could stroll down Fourth Street for a quick meal in the ostentatious, yet traditional Mexican setting.

Urquieta said he is very proud of the opening of his business and hopes that students will come and try a taste of the experience.

"This is a new business — everything is new from the outside to the inside," he said.

Junior history major Joel Lopez was on his way to buy a burrito for his girlfriend when he first noticed the place.

"I just saw it and came in," he said. "If the food is good, I (will) come back."

Urquieta and his staff hope for a prominent student following and aspire to be one of the university's new landmarks for lunchtime.



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Deborah Pineda, a junior nursing major, enjoys lunch with her friend Art Duarte at El Sabroso's on Fourth Street between Santa Clara and San Fernando streets Thursday afternoon.



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# Drink of the Week

By Diego Abeloos  
Daily Staff Writer

If you're looking to try something different than the conventional cocktail, try a mojito.

Served at the Bamboo Lounge, the mojito delivers a sweet and complex taste that is sure to make your taste buds sing.

This \$6.50 mojito is a zesty tropical mix of crushed lime wedges, brown sugar, mint leaves, bar syrup, Bacardi Limon and club soda.

The process of making a mojito begins with three lime wedges, two cubes of brown sugar, several mint leaves and one ounce of bar syrup crushed together into a light green blend in a glass. The glass is then packed with crushed ice and filled with one-and-a-half ounces of Bacardi Limon and just a splash of club soda.

Adrianne Busi, bar manager at the Bamboo Lounge, said the drink takes a few minutes to make but is fairly popular with both men and women.

The mojito has a sugary taste that mixes lemon and lime, but without the tartness. In addition, the crushed mint leaves add a little punch to your palate and intensifies the taste of the lemon and lime. Overall, the mojito isn't a very strong drink, but it is satisfying nonetheless.

The Bamboo Lounge, with its relaxed tropical setting and atmosphere, is adjoined by the Island Grill restaurant, which serves Caribbean and Pacific Island cuisine. Both the restaurant and bar are located on the same lot as the Park Plaza Hotel,



Andrew Hendershot / Daily Staff

Pictured is a mojito, made with crushed brown sugar, fresh mint leaves, three crushed lime wedges, bar syrup, crushed ice, club soda, and Bacardi Limon. The mojito is featured at the Bamboo Lounge, inside the Park Plaza Hotel at 1355 N. Fourth St.

which, Busi said, keeps business flowing with a mix of both regular patrons and out-of-town business executives.

Unlike a lot of bars, the busiest nights at the Bamboo Lounge are Thursdays, when local bands play there live, Busi said.

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Dogs on campus grounds are not problems if they are leashed, under control of the owner and well-trained, said some SJSU students. They also said some people with bad experiences relating to dogs, such as being barked at or bitten, may be bothered by dogs on campus.

Brinnger Galimba, an undeclared sophomore, said she does not mind dogs being on campus grounds if they are leashed and cleaned up after, with the exception of big dogs which scare and distract her.

“We occasionally get complaints, but we haven’t had any significant rising complaints,” Maloney said.

He said although some people are displeased about dogs being on campus, dog owners are entitled to bring their dogs for any purposes if they observe the laws.

Maloney said UPD infrequently get complaints about dogs or other animals being in a building and dogs barking, but it’s never become a major issue.

“Most people are very understanding and cooperative,” Maloney said.



Don Wright, a graduate student art major, takes a ball from Henry’s mouth during a play session on Thursday in front of the industrial studios at San Jose State University. Henry is an 11-year-old Gordon Setter.

Andrew Hendershot / Daily Staff

Rosie O’Donnell marries longtime girlfriend in SF

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Rosie O’Donnell married her longtime girlfriend Thursday, taking what she called a proud stand for gay civil rights in the city where more than 3,300 other same-sex couples have tied the knot since Feb. 12.

“I want to thank the city of San Francisco for this amazing stance the mayor has taken for all the people here, not just us but all the thousands and thousands of loving, law-abiding couples,” the former talk show host, holding a large bouquet of purple and yellow flowers, said after she and Kelli Carpenter emerged from their brief ceremony inside Mayor Gavin Newsom’s office.

Earlier Thursday, O’Donnell announced her wedding plans on ABC’s “Good Morning America,” just two days after President Bush called for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

She said the president’s call is what inspired her to come to San Francisco, where city officials continue to perform same-sex weddings even as state courts are considering the legality of those marriages.

“I think the actions of the president are, in my opinion, the most vile and hateful words ever spoken by a sitting president,” O’Donnell, who lives in the New York City region, said on the program. “I am stunned and I’m horrified.

“I find this proposed amendment very, very, very, very shocking. And immoral. And, you know, if civil disobedience is the way to go about change, then I think a lot of people will be going to San Francisco. And I hope they put more people on the steps to marry as many people as show up. And I hope everyone shows up,” she said.

O’Donnell and Carpenter, who have four children together, walked hand in hand down the grand marble staircase in the rotunda to thunderous applause from hundreds of spectators who came to witness the city’s first celebrity same-sex wedding. O’Donnell was wearing a powder-blue blazer, black shirt and black pants; Carpenter wore a gray pantsuit.

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budget to that of Cal State Long Beach.

The report shows SJSU ranks second highest — behind Cal State Bakersfield — in terms of general fund spending amounts for every full-time student enrolled. Long Beach State ranks ninth.

In the 2002-05 Master Plan for San Jose State University Intercollegiate Athletics report submitted by Chuck Bell, the director of athletics at SJSU, it states the university spends less than one-third of what most Division I-A

schools spend on football. SJSU’s budget is in the bottom third of SJSU’s athletic association, the Western Athletic Conference.

Fan said that SJSU’s overall athletics budget is one of the lowest of the Division I-A schools.

“The athletic department has been able to function and exist within its means and provide a good experience for its student athletes,” he said. “We’ve learned how to use our resources as efficiently as possible to generate the best possible outcome.”

Fan said that playing in Division I-A brings money to SJSU, as well as prestige and recogni-

tion.

“It offers the opportunity to compete at a higher level and the opportunity to generate revenue streams that aren’t available at any other level,” he said.

Like SJSU, Fresno State is in the CSU system and has a Division I-A football team. Steve Weakland, the athletics director at Fresno State, said the most significant benefit of being in Division I-A is competing at the highest level.

“It’s very important to keep I-A status,” he said. “It brings more attention to the university.”

Another CSU school, Cal Poly Pomona,

dropped its football program in 1982 for financial reasons. Glenn Shenker, the interim athletics director at Cal Poly Pomona, said the costs of travel expenses and coaches’ salaries, along with low home-game turnouts, hurt the school.

“It’s a very expensive sport,” he said. “We definitely saved some money by dropping it.”

However, Fan said SJSU could afford to keep I-A status.

“Like every other campus agency, we are affected by the state’s economic situation,” he said. “This department is cost-efficient with its resources.”

Literacy Classic II in the works

By Daniel Lopez  
Daily Senior Staff Writer

San Jose State University Athletic Director Chuck Bell said Wednesday that an official announcement for a Literacy Classic II could come in about three weeks.

Bell said the Spartan football program cleared a Sept. 18 date with New Mexico State University on its 2004 schedule to host what he called a “historically black college university.”

To release itself from a contract to play New Mexico State in 2004 and in 2006, Bell said SJSU paid a \$50,000 penalty.

Bell said the buyout was convenient to both schools because NCAA requirements for Division I-A football programs to face five I-A opponents have been delayed until 2006.

Effective July 1, 2005, New Mexico State and Utah Sate University will become official members of the

Western Athletic Conference, putting the Aggies on the Spartans’ schedule.

“We’d be conference members,” Bell said. “They didn’t need us.”

SJSU was one of New Mexico State’s five Division I-A opponents.

Though Bell said he wouldn’t release the name of the opponent, which he said has been narrowed to four or five schools, until it’s official, he said other possibilities that didn’t reach an agreement with SJSU were Grambling University, Florida A&M University and Southern University.

Bell said SJSU’s shutout of Grambling, 29-0 on Aug. 23, 2003, in what was dubbed the Literacy Classic, might have kept some schools away.

A week of events promoting literacy was capped off with the game and featured the half-time performance of the Tigers’ marching band.

The game drew 31,681 spectators to Spartan Stadium.

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edged that some people consider LaRouche supporters to have a cult-like organization.

In an interview with the Pasadena City College student newspaper, the PCC Courier, one student who joined the LaRouche campaign accused the group of brainwashing, encouraging students to drop out of school and encouraging members to cut ties with family and friends who are not LaRouche supporters.

“They ask what’s more important, your friends or the world?” said the student, who is referred to in the article as Tom because he did not want his real name used.

Tom also said that after moving out of his parents’ home, the organization paid his rent, phone bill and utilities and gave him money for food.

Members on campus Monday denied claims of being a cult and of coercing people to join their organization.

Scott said that one of his friends did join but, “He made the choice himself.

“You make friends with people who genuinely know something is wrong in politics,” Scott said.

Scott joined the group seven months ago after meeting members while walking around downtown Oakland. He currently works as a full-time LaRouche supporter with LaRouche’s Oakland office.

Both the Oakland and Los Angeles offices declined comment for this article.

Scott said members are not paid but that, “We do get certain things taken care of, like rent.”

“This culture is afraid of change,” said Armando, another full-time LaRouche supporter who was at the table at San Fernando and Ninth streets Monday. Armando also did not give a last name.

Armando believes the claims against LaRouche are made because, “They know LaRouche has some real ideas.”

In past semesters, group members have been accused of harassing staff on campus, said Kevin McBride, event services coordinator for Student Union Inc.

The incidents occurred when LaRouche supporters set up tables outside the Student Union without following proper procedure and were then told to leave, McBride said.

LaRouche supporters on Monday were originally set up outside the Student Union and left peacefully to a different location when told they were in violation of university policy, McBride said.

“You can’t put a table down on campus wherever you want,” McBride said.

According to McBride, under free speech laws, people are allowed to hand out information and talk to people on campus as long as there are not causing a nuisance to classes or students.

Organizations that want to set up a table for free must be a registered student organization with the university, and non-university organizations typically pay a fee, McBride said.

McBride said he has explained the policies to LaRouche supporters, but they have never registered as a student organization. This has lead to speculation that none of the supporters are San Jose State University students.

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## Denied motions may affect verdict, legal experts says

Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY — A judge’s decisions to seat only one jury and to let jurors go home at the end of each day are significant blows to Scott Peterson’s defense that could foreshadow a conviction, legal experts said.

In perhaps the two most influential decisions yet in Peterson’s double-murder trial, Judge Alfred A. Delucchi on Thursday denied defense motions to sequester jurors and to seat two separate panels — one to decide guilt or innocence and one to levy a sentence, perhaps death, if there’s a conviction.

“Who your jury is and the circumstances under which they will decide this case are the most important things in a trial,” said Laurie Levenson, a criminal law professor at Loyola University. “These decisions ... can ultimately impact what the verdict will be.”

Prosecutors charge that Peterson murdered his pregnant wife, Laci, in December 2002 because he was having an affair with a massage therapist.

An initial 200 local residents are scheduled to attend court next Thursday for the beginning of a lengthy selection process that will yield 12 jurors and six alternates. The California Supreme Court lets trial judges decide whether to seat two juries in capital cases, though they rarely do.

Despite their obvious drawbacks, Thursday’s twin decisions could offer a silver lining for Peterson’s defense.

Because they won’t be cloistered from their regular lives, fewer potential jurors might try to opt out of the case. The larger the cross-section of the community, the better shot the defense has at finding sympathetic panelists.

## SUMMIT | SJSU alumnae participate

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Ramirez said. “I realized that they go through the same things I do.”

Ramirez said her team’s project last year was a summit held at Rancho Middle School in Milpitas, which included workshops on art, teen pregnancy and homosexuality, among other topics.

“The girls got really close, and they realized they had a voice and they could make a difference,” Ramirez said. “It was just a day for them to feel good about themselves and feel beautiful.”

Ramirez found out about the organization through her mother, Lorraine Ramirez, who works in the community relations department at National Semiconductor, one of the companies that funds Girls For A Change.

“When Niko (Clifford) came out and started telling the whole group about Girls For A Change ... I kind of hesitated thinking, ‘how is she going to make a change, specifically when she said East San Jose?’ ... I’m from that area,” Lorraine Ramirez said.

She decided to give it a try and see if she could actually make a difference.

She said she asked her daughter to come to one meeting with her and give her tips on what she was doing wrong. Ever since then, they have both been a part of Girls For A Change, she said.

Ramirez said she and her mother have not always had the best relationship, but she said Girls For A Change has helped their relationship become stronger and has supported her through recent troubles.

“Just recently, I ran away from home, and when I got back, Girls For A Change said they still wanted me on the board. It’s helping me right now, it’s getting me stronger, and it’s getting my family stronger. It’s helping me on a very personal level that I never would have thought,” Ramirez said.

Thanks to the organization, Lorraine Ramirez said she has been able to connect with her daughter on a new level.

“I kind of saw a different view of Stephanie. We had something in common and something we could relate

to, specifically when we got involved with the project. It brought us closer,” she said.

Another team that has had success calls itself the “Fab 15” and says its ultimate goal is to be on “Oprah.”

“We’re working on that and it’s going to happen, I guarantee it,” said Dina Yacoub, team member and student at Presentation High School in San Jose.

The team decided to make a video promoting volunteerism and has contacted different television stations, such as KNTV 11 and Democratic TV, to broadcast the video, said Yacoub.

At Thursday’s convention, Fab 15 members shared their feelings about each other.

“We each picked a bead that we really liked, and we tell another person what we think about them, and it’s something to remember us by,” said Lupita Calderon, an eighth-grader at Saint Patrick’s School in downtown San Jose and member of the Fab 15.

The coaches for this team are San Jose State University alumnae, who said they have gotten a lot out of the program themselves.

“I got more out of it than I anticipated,” said Kim Vu, who graduated from SJSU in 2001. “A dynamic occurs where you are learning a lot of things from the girls.”

“I didn’t expect to care so much about the girls. They are in my heart forever,” said Lisa Elliot, who graduated from SJSU in 1996.

The organization is hoping to recruit women from SJSU, both students and faculty members, to work as coaches, said Carrie Ellett, director of program and recruitment for the organization.

“Women in college have so much experience to give, and there is a great relationship with meeting girls in college and seeing that it’s not far off,” Ellett said.

“It’s an amazing ride for women to go through with the young women. It becomes a really whole experience for coaches, where they are not only helping them grow but growing themselves,” Ellett said.

Coaches must commit to meeting twice a month with the girls from March through November. Those who are interested in volunteering can contact Girls For A Change at [www.girlsforachange.org](http://www.girlsforachange.org).



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Rebecca Walker, center, Emily Dubois, left, and Fatima Rahim listen as middle- and high-school girls talk about racial issues during a workshop for the Girl Summit organized by Girls For A Change held at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center Thursday. Walker is an author and activist for younger women, and her mother is Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Alice Walker.

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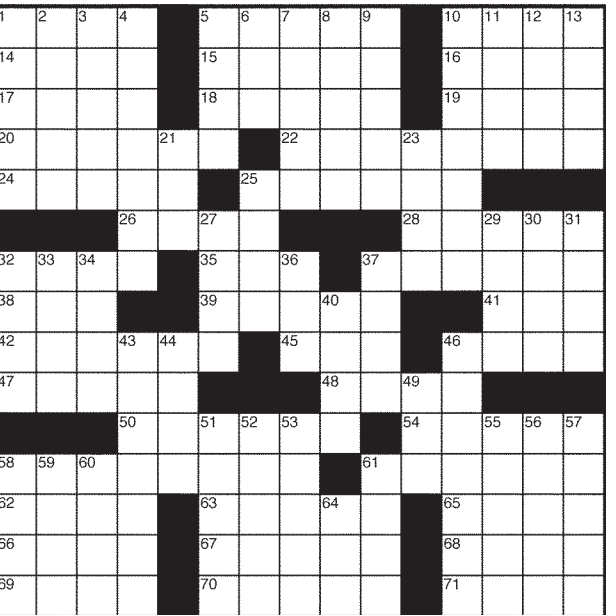
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# McCollister brings competitiveness, flair to the mound

By **Diego Abeloos**  
*Daily Staff Writer*

When San Jose State University softball pitcher Kelli McCollister dons a pair of sunglasses, she means business.

The sunglasses, worn by McCollister every time she takes the mound for the Spartans, represent the flair and confidence with which she plays the game.

"I pitch in my sunglasses because I think they're cute," said McCollister, a 22-year-old senior majoring in advertising. "I get a lot of flack from people, but it's OK though, because I back it up."

Off the field, McCollister displays the same kind of flair that one would expect from a former high school cheerleader, from her love for shopping to the pink keys on her Apple laptop and her pink Nike running shoes.

"Every person I meet and tell them I'm a softball player, they don't believe me," McCollister said. "I'm sure they probably think I suck."

McCollister spent her first two years playing college softball at Fresno City College, twice earning first-team All-Central Valley Conference honors under head softball coach Rhonda Williams. She also became the first softball player in the school's history to pitch a perfect game, according to McCollister's father, Bob.

"When she first came to Fresno City, she had a lot of raw talent," Williams said of McCollister. "It took a while, maybe a full season, to harness that talent. The biggest thing for her was her desire.

"She had the will to work hard and to put the talent to good use," Williams added.

McCollister then headed north to San Jose to pitch for Spartans softball coach Dee Dee Enabenter. In her first season as a Spartan, McCollister posted a 2.75 ERA and struck out 113 batters in 132-and-1/3 innings pitched, despite a 5-14 record.

This season, McCollister has posted a 2.60 ERA and a 1-3 record

over the team's first 11 games.

"As a pitcher, she's very confident and she shows that on the mound," teammate A.J. Hull said. "I think all of us have a lot of confidence when she goes into a game that she's going to get it done.

"She's a good time to be around. She's got a great personality, and she loves the game," Hull said.

Born and raised in Fresno, McCollister attended Hoover High School and lettered in soccer, tennis, softball and cheerleading. Even though she didn't play softball competitively until her freshman year in high school, McCollister said her lack of experience does have its good qualities.

"It's a good thing, kind of, because all my friends that I played with quit because they were burned out on softball," McCollister said.

McCollister ended up at SJSU after former SJSU and Fresno City College softball player Miranda Gonzales, a mutual acquaintance of McCollister and Enabenter, introduced the idea of McCollister attending SJSU and playing for Enabenter.

"We had been looking for a pitcher, because we lost one who transferred," Enabenter said. "It was because of a tip of a former teammate of hers at Fresno City that we got to learn about Kelli. She said that she wasn't sure that (McCollister) had committed anywhere and that maybe we should give her a shot.

"We had a pair of eyes out there scouting for us and the timing was just right," she said.

McCollister said she chose to attend SJSU over other schools in part because the trip back home to Fresno is only about two-and-a-half hours by car. In addition, her father has worked in the Bay Area on and off since 1968.

"It was sad sometimes to have to say goodbye to him," McCollister said of growing up in Fresno while her father worked in the Bay Area. "It wasn't a strain, though, because we were used to it."

According to McCollister, her father always found the time to play

catch with his daughter and teach her the finer points of the game, regardless of the distances he had to travel to do it.

"He would catch (for) me in the middle of the street," McCollister said of her father. "I can't tell you how many times I threw the ball on his toe or nailed him in the shins.

"We'd play in my neighborhood street, and balls that I threw and weren't strikes, I'd have to chase them down the street and go get them," she said.

Currently a workers' compensation claims adjuster in San Bruno, Bob McCollister makes an effort to attend every one of his daughter's home games, in spite of the fact that he travels home to Fresno every weekend to see his wife, Lidia.

"When I first started on the road, she was 5," Bob McCollister said of his daughter. "I missed a lot when I was gone, but I give a lot of the credit to my wife, Lidia. The kids always had someone to come home to."

On his way to Fresno every Friday, Bob McCollister stops by his daughter's downtown San Jose apartment and picks up her dirty laundry and delivers a clean batch of threads and groceries to his daughter on Sundays. It is a task he is all too happy to do for his daughter.

"She's more deserving because she doesn't cause us any problems," Bob McCollister said of his daughter. "We're providing her with the little extras that allow her to focus on school and softball. She's always grateful and appreciative."

For McCollister, the support of her family has been one of the major keys to her success as a student and a softball pitcher.

"He's never pushed me at all," McCollister said of her father. "Everything I do is self-motivated. He calls and leaves me random messages on my voice mail, telling me they're really proud of me.

"My mom would come to my games, and if I pitched bad, she'd say, 'Oh, you were cute, honey. You did good,'" McCollister added.

With her senior season in full swing, McCollister said she isn't



Daniel Miranda / Daily Staff

San Jose State University softball pitcher Kelli McCollister practices her pitching on Thursday at SJSU field. Last year, she had 113 strikeouts in 132-and-1/3 innings, the fifth-highest single season total in team history. McCollister is in her second season with SJSU after transferring from Fresno City College in 2002. McCollister has a 2.60 ERA in five appearances so far in 2004.

thinking too much about the end of her collegiate softball career.

She said that those sorts of thoughts would put too much pressure on her. She does say, however, that nostalgia may creep into her

mind when it's all over.

"I can't imagine life without having to wake up every day to go to practice," McCollister said. "What am I going to do with myself in the afternoons?"

## Rice uses second-half run to top SJSU women

*Daily Staff Report*

The Spartan women's basketball team traveled to Rice University and lost 64-44 Thursday night, keyed by a 14-0 Rice run to start the second half.

### SPARTAN ROUNDUP

The Spartans took a 12-11 lead 12 minutes into the game. Rice took the lead on a three-pointer by Krystal Frazier, starting a 12-0 run that gave Rice the lead for good.

San Jose State University cut into the lead at the end of the first half, taking a 25-20 deficit into the locker room.

The Lady Owls scored the first 14 points of the second half to put the game out of reach.

Rice center Lauren Neaves posted her fifth double-double of the season with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Neaves also blocked five shots, bringing her conference-leading total to 59.

Rice guards Lindsey Maynard and Eshombi Singleton each scored 10 points.

The Spartans shot 20.4 percent for the game and didn't have a single player score in double figures in points. Forwards Tatiana Taylor and Lamisha Augustine and point guard Cricket Williams all scored nine points for SJSU.

Rice extended its school-record winning streak to 11 games and remains in a first-place tie with Louisiana Tech University with 14-1 records atop the Western Athletic Conference.

#### SJSU swim team sets school records

Senior Lura Wilhelm posted a new school record in the 200-meter individual medley, besting her own record of 2:06.66 by more than two seconds. The new school record is 2:04.59.

SJSU also set a new mark in the 200-meter freestyle relay with a time of 1:36.09, improving on the old mark by .07 seconds.

SJSU remained in fifth place after

the second day of the WAC championships in San Antonio, Texas.

#### SJSU golfer named Golfweek's national "Player of the Week"

SJSU golfer Ashley Gomes was named national "Player of the Week" by Golfweek magazine for the week ending Feb. 21.

Gomes took first place at the Bay Area Classic at the Boulder Ridge Golf Club in San Jose on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Earlier in the week, Gomes was named the WAC's "Golfer of the Week."

#### Friday's baseball game postponed

The game between the Spartans and Loyola Marymount University scheduled to take place today at Municipal Stadium at 6 p.m. has been postponed because of wet field conditions.

The game has been rescheduled as the first part of a doubleheader Saturday at Blethen Field at 11 a.m.

## Owens misses deadline, could remain with Niners

*Associated Press*

Terrell Owens is still under contract to the San Francisco 49ers after the star receiver apparently missed a deadline for voiding the rest of his contract.

Owens, a four-time Pro Bowl selection, didn't file the necessary paperwork quickly enough this week to become an unrestricted free agent, according to the NFL Management Council. Owens' agent, David Joseph, will file a grievance.

"We voided the contract. There's an issue now as to whether or not the void was effective," Joseph said.

Owens was among several players required to file by a new deadline, which recently was moved up 10 days for players who signed their contracts before the league's 2001 collective bargaining agreement went into effect.

Cleveland receiver Dennis Northcutt made a similar mistake. The Browns announced Thursday that Northcutt's agent failed to void the final three years of his contract by Feb. 19, keeping him with Cleveland.

By missing the deadline, Owens is under contract to San Francisco

through 2006 — and the 49ers get an unexpected bonus in what's shaping up to be a difficult offseason.

The 49ers also released three veterans on Thursday: running back Garrison Hearst, offensive tackle Derrick Deese and defensive lineman Sean Moran.

"I have spoken to the NFL Management Council and they have confirmed that Terrell Owens will not be among the players listed as an unrestricted free agent," 49ers general manager Terry Donahue said.

The mix-up doesn't necessarily mean Owens will play for the Niners next season. The team had expected to

lose him in free agency for practically nothing, so San Francisco might use Owens' contract status to work out a trade.

Owens is due to make \$17.7 million in base salary over the next three seasons, including \$5.3 million next year — a relative bargain for one of the NFL's best receivers.

He had been counting on a big payday in his first venture onto the free-agent market, hoping to land a signing bonus of more than \$15 million from Baltimore, Philadelphia, Atlanta or a handful of other teams with the cap space to sign a star receiver.

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Calling all shutterbugs! The SPARTAN DAILY is holding its first ever PHOTO CONTEST. Snap a photo of campus life, celebrate the diversity of our students, or capture a unique moment at SJSU. Finalists will run in the SPARTAN DAILY starting on MARCH 8TH.  
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## SPARTAN OUTLOOK

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**Saturday** at the University of Tulsa, 2 p.m. CST

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**Today vs.** Rice University at the Event Center, 7 p.m.  
**Sunday vs.** the University of Tulsa at the Event Center, noon.

**BASEBALL**  
**Saturday vs.** Loyola Marymount University (2 games) at Blethen Field. 11 a.m.

**SOFTBALL**  
**Sunday vs.** Sacramento State University at SJSU Field, noon







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## Future of Spartan football questioned

By Colin Kutch  
Daily Staff Writer

In the face of the new Division I-A college football attendance policy, the San Jose State University athletic department said it plans to keep its top-level status.

"We have to continually convey the message that we have and will meet the requirements," said Lawrence Fan, sports information director at SJSU.

The department's main concern is that all Division I-A teams in 2004 must average at least 15,000 attendees at home football games. SJSU met the requirement for 2004 last year and can do it again, Fan said.

Not everyone on campus agrees that SJSU should push to keep I-A status. James Brent, an associate professor of political science at SJSU, said attendance was inflated last season because one game sold out — the Literary Classic versus Grambling State, featuring its nationally recognized marching band.

Fan said the athletics department would again plan promotional events to coincide with football games. The department expects to reveal those plans in the next few months.

Brent is the organizer of what he called a loose-knit team of faculty named "Spartans 4 Sanity." The group's mission is to cut spending on athletics by removing SJSU from Division I-A status.

Brent said there is not enough student or faculty support of the football team to justify additional football spending, taking into account that attendance for most games hovers around 10,000. He said other California State University schools without football, such as Cal State Long Beach, spend millions less on athletics than SJSU and still have as many sports offered.

Brent provided a new report with data collected from last year's official budget reports of 14 CSU schools as well as reports from administrators at individual campuses. The CSU system has 23 schools.

According to his research, SJSU could save \$4 million a year by dropping its I-A program and lowering the athletics

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## Girl Summit activates social changes

By Claudia Plascencia  
Daily Staff Writer

Hundreds of girls from Bay Area middle schools and high schools converged at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center on Thursday to be a part of an organization that aims to change the way girls look at social issues and their communities.

The organization Girls For A Change held its second annual summit at the convention center gathering with 1,500 girls from 30 different schools and 500 professional women, according to the organization.

"It was a great example of what happens when a lot of young women and older women get together with the intention of making social change," said Whitney Smith, founder and president of the board of directors of Girls For A Change.

Smith said her goal for the organization is to bring large groups of girls together to learn how to be social change-makers. So far, the organization has educated 2,400 girls, she said.

"We give them a space, resources and support to make changes happen," said Niko Clifford, founding executive director for the organization.

Clifford also said they look to the girls for the answers instead of giving them the answers and fixing their problems for them.

"We step back and support them," Clifford said.

The girls formed teams where they figured out what they are passionate about and what they would like to change about society. Each team was supported by two coaches who helped the students come up with strategies for making a difference, according to the organization.

Stephanie Ramirez is a junior at Independence High School in San Jose and has been a part of the organization for a year-and-a-half.

She said her team completed a project in October 2003 that dealt with self-esteem. She said she is now a member of the board of directors.

"I was hesitant about it because I have a hard time working with girls since I am an only child,"

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**ABOVE:** Claire Kiely, center, hugs Naiema Din at the Girl Summit 2004, organized by Girls For A Change and held at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center Thursday. Kiely, Din and Lupita Calderon, right, are members of the Fab 15, which is a team of Girls For A Change members who have worked together on a community-service project for the past year.

**RIGHT:** Attendees at the Girl Summit 2004 cut out their handprints and wrote their names on them to make a mural of the Girl Summit 2004. During the summit, urban middle- and high-school girls were treated to a speech by activist Rebecca Walker and were able to attend workshops teaching everything from belly dancing to self-defense.



## Lyndon LaRouche campaign visits SJSU campus

By Michelle Ochoa  
Daily Staff Writer

Supporters of long-time presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche distributed information about the LaRouche campaign on campus Monday.

LaRouche has been in the public eye since the 1970s, according to an article in Newsday from last September.

According to the article, LaRouche became

a public figure as a conspiracy theorist in 1974, and in 1976 he began his presidential campaigns.

The Newsday article also stated that in 1988 LaRouche was convicted of conspiracy and mail fraud. He was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison in Minnesota and ran his 1992 campaign while serving time.

He was released in 1994, according to his campaign's Web site.

The 2004 campaign is LaRouche's eighth attempt for the White House, according to the

Newsday article.

LaRouche is currently running as a Democratic candidate, according to his campaign; however, the Democratic National Committee does not endorse LaRouche as a presidential candidate.

For this election, LaRouche's platform focuses on fixed exchange rates and protective tariffs and promotes a world of "sovereign nation-states working together for the benefit of all" to halt an economic collapse, said one LaRouche supporter, who was on campus

Monday and wished to only give his first name, Scott.

Scott said he supports LaRouche because he believes "none of the other candidates have any grasp on reality whatsoever."

Much of the press LaRouche receives doesn't center on his political platforms but on the way his supporters are organized.

Reports from newspapers in the United States, Australia and London have acknowl-

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## Dizzy landing ...



Andrew Hendershot / Daily Staff

Sierra Silva tumbles during warm-up for a judo class at San Jose State University on Monday afternoon in the dojo at Yoshihiro Uchida Hall. Silva, 10, is a yellow belt in David Williams' judo class.

## Dogs on campus not a problem, UPD says

*Tower Lawn  
popular playground  
for downtown pets  
to hang out*

By Nami Yasue  
Daily Staff Writer

Carlos Claudio, a junior marine biology major, threw a ball for his 9-month-old dog, Thor, to catch on Tower Lawn on Tuesday.

Claudio, who lives two blocks away from the San Jose State University main campus, said he brings Thor to campus almost every day because it is the biggest play area within walking distance.

Claudio said he recognizes and observes the leash law when he plays with Thor on campus.

"If I don't follow the leash law, police can give me a ticket," Claudio said.

According to a San Jose municipal code dog ordinance, a dog must be leashed and kept under control

by the dog owner, and dog owners must be responsible for cleaning up and removing the excrement of their dogs.

License and rabies vaccinations are mandated by state and city law for all dogs and cats older than four months of age, according to San Jose Animal Care and Services.

Currently, there are only two off-leash dog parks in San Jose — Miyuki Dog Park in South San Jose and Watson Dog Park in East San Jose, according to the city's Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services.

David Santino, a junior business major, said he considers himself a well-mannered dog owner and usually brings his dog to parks near his home in Milpitas.

Santino said many dog owners probably do not know that licensing dogs is mandated under city and state law, although most of them recognize and follow the leash law.

According to San Jose Animal Care and Services, 19,000 dogs are licensed. They estimate about 55 percent of dogs in San Jose are unlicensed.

Capt. Shannon Maloney of the University Police Department said San Jose's municipal ordinance does

not necessarily apply to the campus because city and state property are two separate political entities, and SJSU is state-owned.

The rules and regulations regarding animals on campus are stated in an SJSU policy guide called "The President's Directive Regarding Use of Buildings and Grounds of San Jose State University."

According to the policy, dogs and other domesticated animals on campus must be under control and leashed within six feet from the owner on campus. Any dog or other animal brought to campus must be licensed and vaccinated.

The animal's owner must immediately remove any wastes deposited by the animal, according to the policy.

A violator will be fined more than \$100 and less than \$1,000 for a first conviction, according to California Penal Code Section 374.4.

Dogs, cats and other animals may not enter any campus buildings, but there are exceptions for guide dogs or service dogs. In special circumstances, animals may be brought on campus for a singular event involving the display or demonstration of specialized

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skills or natural behaviors, according to the policy.

According to the California Education Code 89031, every person who violates or attempts to violate the rules and regulations regarding the maintenance of the buildings and grounds of a California State University is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Dogs on campus grounds are not problems if they are leashed, under control of the owner and well-trained, said some SJSU students. They also said some people with bad experiences relating to dogs, such as being barked at or bitten, may be bothered by dogs on campus.

Brinnger Galimba, an undeclared sophomore, said she does not mind dogs being on campus grounds if they are leashed and cleaned up after, with the exception of big dogs which scare and distract her.

“We occasionally get complaints, but we haven’t had any significant rising complaints,” Maloney said.

He said although some people are displeased about dogs being on campus, dog owners are entitled to bring their dogs for any purposes if they observe the laws.

Maloney said UPD infrequently get complaints about dogs or other animals being in a building and dogs barking, but it’s never become a major issue.

“Most people are very understanding and cooperative,” Maloney said.



Don Wright, a graduate student art major, takes a ball from Henry’s mouth during a play session on Thursday in front of the industrial studios at San Jose State University. Henry is an 11-year-old Gordon Setter.

Andrew Hendershot / Daily Staff

Rosie O’Donnell marries longtime girlfriend in SF

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Rosie O’Donnell married her longtime girlfriend Thursday, taking what she called a proud stand for gay civil rights in the city where more than 3,300 other same-sex couples have tied the knot since Feb. 12.

“I want to thank the city of San Francisco for this amazing stance the mayor has taken for all the people here, not just us but all the thousands and thousands of loving, law-abiding couples,” the former talk show host, holding a large bouquet of purple and yellow flowers, said after she and Kelli Carpenter emerged from their brief ceremony inside Mayor Gavin Newsom’s office.

Earlier Thursday, O’Donnell announced her wedding plans on ABC’s “Good Morning America,” just two days after President Bush called for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

She said the president’s call is what inspired her to come to San Francisco, where city officials continue to perform same-sex weddings even as state courts are considering the legality of those marriages.

“I think the actions of the president are, in my opinion, the most vile and hateful words ever spoken by a sitting president,” O’Donnell, who lives in the New York City region, said on the program. “I am stunned and I’m horrified.

“I find this proposed amendment very, very, very, very shocking. And immoral. And, you know, if civil disobedience is the way to go about change, then I think a lot of people will be going to San Francisco. And I hope they put more people on the steps to marry as many people as show up. And I hope everyone shows up,” she said.

O’Donnell and Carpenter, who have four children together, walked hand in hand down the grand marble staircase in the rotunda to thunderous applause from hundreds of spectators who came to witness the city’s first celebrity same-sex wedding. O’Donnell was wearing a powder-blue blazer, black shirt and black pants; Carpenter wore a gray pantsuit.

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budget to that of Cal State Long Beach.

The report shows SJSU ranks second highest — behind Cal State Bakersfield — in terms of general fund spending amounts for every full-time student enrolled. Long Beach State ranks ninth.

In the 2002-05 Master Plan for San Jose State University Intercollegiate Athletics report submitted by Chuck Bell, the director of athletics at SJSU, it states the university spends less than one-third of what most Division I-A

schools spend on football. SJSU’s budget is in the bottom third of SJSU’s athletic association, the Western Athletic Conference.

Fan said that SJSU’s overall athletics budget is one of the lowest of the Division I-A schools.

“The athletic department has been able to function and exist within its means and provide a good experience for its student athletes,” he said. “We’ve learned how to use our resources as efficiently as possible to generate the best possible outcome.”

Fan said that playing in Division I-A brings money to SJSU, as well as prestige and recogni-

tion.

“It offers the opportunity to compete at a higher level and the opportunity to generate revenue streams that aren’t available at any other level,” he said.

Like SJSU, Fresno State is in the CSU system and has a Division I-A football team. Steve Weakland, the athletics director at Fresno State, said the most significant benefit of being in Division I-A is competing at the highest level.

“It’s very important to keep I-A status,” he said. “It brings more attention to the university.”

Another CSU school, Cal Poly Pomona,

dropped its football program in 1982 for financial reasons. Glenn Shenker, the interim athletics director at Cal Poly Pomona, said the costs of travel expenses and coaches’ salaries, along with low home-game turnouts, hurt the school.

“It’s a very expensive sport,” he said. “We definitely saved some money by dropping it.”

However, Fan said SJSU could afford to keep I-A status.

“Like every other campus agency, we are affected by the state’s economic situation,” he said. “This department is cost-efficient with its resources.”

Literacy Classic II in the works

By Daniel Lopez  
Daily Senior Staff Writer

San Jose State University Athletic Director Chuck Bell said Wednesday that an official announcement for a Literacy Classic II could come in about three weeks.

Bell said the Spartan football program cleared a Sept. 18 date with New Mexico State University on its 2004 schedule to host what he called a “historically black college university.”

To release itself from a contract to play New Mexico State in 2004 and in 2006, Bell said SJSU paid a \$50,000 penalty.

Bell said the buyout was convenient to both schools because NCAA requirements for Division I-A football programs to face five I-A opponents have been delayed until 2006.

Effective July 1, 2005, New Mexico State and Utah Sate University will become official members of the

Western Athletic Conference, putting the Aggies on the Spartans’ schedule.

“We’d be conference members,” Bell said. “They didn’t need us.”

SJSU was one of New Mexico State’s five Division I-A opponents.

Though Bell said he wouldn’t release the name of the opponent, which he said has been narrowed to four or five schools, until it’s official, he said other possibilities that didn’t reach an agreement with SJSU were Grambling University, Florida A&M University and Southern University.

Bell said SJSU’s shutout of Grambling, 29-0 on Aug. 23, 2003, in what was dubbed the Literacy Classic, might have kept some schools away.

A week of events promoting literacy was capped off with the game and featured the half-time performance of the Tigers’ marching band.

The game drew 31,681 spectators to Spartan Stadium.

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edged that some people consider LaRouche supporters to have a cult-like organization.

In an interview with the Pasadena City College student newspaper, the PCC Courier, one student who joined the LaRouche campaign accused the group of brainwashing, encouraging students to drop out of school and encouraging members to cut ties with family and friends who are not LaRouche supporters.

“They ask what’s more important, your friends or the world?” said the student, who is referred to in the article as Tom because he did not want his real name used.

Tom also said that after moving out of his parents’ home, the organization paid his rent, phone bill and utilities and gave him money for food.

Members on campus Monday denied claims of being a cult and of coercing people to join their organization.

Scott said that one of his friends did join but, “He made the choice himself.

“You make friends with people who genuinely know something is wrong in politics,” Scott said.

Scott joined the group seven months ago after meeting members while walking around downtown Oakland. He currently works as a full-time LaRouche supporter with LaRouche’s Oakland office.

Both the Oakland and Los Angeles offices declined comment for this article.

Scott said members are not paid but that, “We do get certain things taken care of, like rent.”

“This culture is afraid of change,” said Armando, another full-time LaRouche supporter who was at the table at San Fernando and Ninth streets Monday. Armando also did not give a last name.

Armando believes the claims against LaRouche are made because, “They know LaRouche has some real ideas.”

In past semesters, group members have been accused of harassing staff on campus, said Kevin McBride, event services coordinator for Student Union Inc.

The incidents occurred when LaRouche supporters set up tables outside the Student Union without following proper procedure and were then told to leave, McBride said.

LaRouche supporters on Monday were originally set up outside the Student Union and left peacefully to a different location when told they were in violation of university policy, McBride said.

“You can’t put a table down on campus wherever you want,” McBride said.

According to McBride, under free speech laws, people are allowed to hand out information and talk to people on campus as long as there are not causing a nuisance to classes or students.

Organizations that want to set up a table for free must be a registered student organization with the university, and non-university organizations typically pay a fee, McBride said.

McBride said he has explained the policies to LaRouche supporters, but they have never registered as a student organization. This has lead to speculation that none of the supporters are San Jose State University students.

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## Denied motions may affect verdict, legal experts says

Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY — A judge's decisions to seat only one jury and to let jurors go home at the end of each day are significant blows to Scott Peterson's defense that could foreshadow a conviction, legal experts said.

In perhaps the two most influential decisions yet in Peterson's double-murder trial, Judge Alfred A. Delucchi on Thursday denied defense motions to sequester jurors and to seat two separate panels — one to decide guilt or innocence and one to levy a sentence, perhaps death, if there's a conviction.

"Who your jury is and the circumstances under which they will decide this case are the most important things in a trial," said Laurie Levenson, a criminal law professor at Loyola University. "These decisions ... can ultimately impact what the verdict will be."

Prosecutors charge that Peterson murdered his pregnant wife, Laci, in December 2002 because he was having an affair with a massage therapist.

An initial 200 local residents are scheduled to attend court next Thursday for the beginning of a lengthy selection process that will yield 12 jurors and six alternates. The California Supreme Court lets trial judges decide whether to seat two juries in capital cases, though they rarely do.

Despite their obvious drawbacks, Thursday's twin decisions could offer a silver lining for Peterson's defense.

Because they won't be cloistered from their regular lives, fewer potential jurors might try to opt out of the case. The larger the cross-section of the community, the better shot the defense has at finding sympathetic panelists.

## SUMMIT | SJSU alumnae participate

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Ramirez said. "I realized that they go through the same things I do."

Ramirez said her team's project last year was a summit held at Rancho Middle School in Milpitas, which included workshops on art, teen pregnancy and homosexuality, among other topics.

"The girls got really close, and they realized they had a voice and they could make a difference," Ramirez said. "It was just a day for them to feel good about themselves and feel beautiful."

Ramirez found out about the organization through her mother, Lorraine Ramirez, who works in the community relations department at National Semiconductor, one of the companies that funds Girls For A Change.

"When Niko (Clifford) came out and started telling the whole group about Girls For A Change ... I kind of hesitated thinking, 'how is she going to make a change, specifically when she said East San Jose?' ... I'm from that area," Lorraine Ramirez said.

She decided to give it a try and see if she could actually make a difference.

She said she asked her daughter to come to one meeting with her and give her tips on what she was doing wrong. Ever since then, they have both been a part of Girls For A Change, she said.

Ramirez said she and her mother have not always had the best relationship, but she said Girls For A Change has helped their relationship become stronger and has supported her through recent troubles.

"Just recently, I ran away from home, and when I got back, Girls For A Change said they still wanted me on the board. It's helping me right now, it's getting me stronger, and it's getting my family stronger. It's helping me on a very personal level that I never would have thought," Ramirez said.

Thanks to the organization, Lorraine Ramirez said she has been able to connect with her daughter on a new level.

"I kind of saw a different view of Stephanie. We had something in common and something we could relate

to, specifically when we got involved with the project. It brought us closer," she said.

Another team that has had success calls itself the "Fab 15" and says its ultimate goal is to be on "Oprah."

"We're working on that and it's going to happen, I guarantee it," said Dina Yacoub, team member and student at Presentation High School in San Jose.

The team decided to make a video promoting volunteerism and has contacted different television stations, such as KNTV 11 and Democratic TV, to broadcast the video, said Yacoub.

At Thursday's convention, Fab 15 members shared their feelings about each other.

"We each picked a bead that we really liked, and we tell another person what we think about them, and it's something to remember us by," said Lupita Calderon, an eighth-grader at Saint Patrick's School in downtown San Jose and member of the Fab 15.

The coaches for this team are San Jose State University alumnae, who said they have gotten a lot out of the program themselves.

"I got more out of it than I anticipated," said Kim Vu, who graduated from SJSU in 2001. "A dynamic occurs where you are learning a lot of things from the girls."

"I didn't expect to care so much about the girls. They are in my heart forever," said Lisa Elliot, who graduated from SJSU in 1996.

The organization is hoping to recruit women from SJSU, both students and faculty members, to work as coaches, said Carrie Ellett, director of program and recruitment for the organization.

"Women in college have so much experience to give, and there is a great relationship with meeting girls in college and seeing that it's not far off," Ellett said.

"It's an amazing ride for women to go through with the young women. It becomes a really whole experience for coaches, where they are not only helping them grow but growing themselves," Ellett said.

Coaches must commit to meeting twice a month with the girls from March through November. Those who are interested in volunteering can contact Girls For A Change at [www.girlsforachange.org](http://www.girlsforachange.org).



Stacey Ruesch / Daily Staff

Rebecca Walker, center, Emily Dubois, left, and Fatima Rahim listen as middle- and high-school girls talk about racial issues during a workshop for the Girl Summit organized by Girls For A Change held at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center Thursday. Walker is an author and activist for younger women, and her mother is Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Alice Walker.

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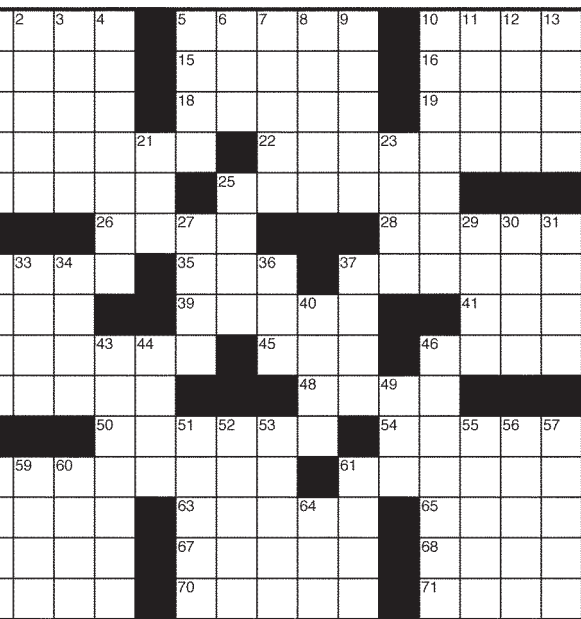
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